

# *East Longmeadow Conservation Commission*

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Present were: Chair, Craig Jernstrom; Clerk, Thomas O'Brien and Michael Carabetta. Robert Sheets, William Arment, Anthony Zampiceni and René Reich-Graefe were not present.

## Update on Bay Path Plantings

Mr. Jernstrom said the topic of the plantings came up for Bay Path when he drove the site and saw that there were some plantings done. He said that a letter went out asking them if the required plantings in the replicated wetland area had begun and if not when they anticipate it will begin.

Present were Rob Levesque, R. Levesque Associates and Michael Crowley, M.F.C Systems.

Mr. Levesque said to refresh everyone's memory they have an isolated wetland that is just off of where the corner of the building is now. He said it was all forested and there were some rocks, some debris and a little bit of standing water that appeared to be seasonal. Mr. Levesque said originally they planned to replicate in the same location which was close to the building so the Commission allowed them shift it over and relocate it. He said that they have achieved the hydrology and they believe they are a little bit lower then they want to be with the excavation of the basin. Mr. Levesque said because of the standing water in the bottom of the isolated wetland they are not able to plant as they have proposed. He said they would like to raise the bottom of the basin about a foot to a foot and half above what appears to be pretty consistent ground water level. Mr. Levesque said that would allow them to finish the plantings and do pumping if necessary to get in there so they can complete the plantings that are proposed. He said based on that solution it will be supported by the conditions but currently it is a little too wet. Mr. Levesque said that they wanted to share their approach with the Commission and they don't believe it is necessary to amend the Orders.

Mr. Crowley added that Bay Path wants to make it right because it is not working as planned. He said the only issue is when the company can get out there because he doesn't know how busy they are but they have been really responsive to them so he is certain they will get it taken care of real quick. Mr. Crowley asked if they needed anything in writing.

Mr. Jernstrom said because they do not have a quorum that evening they can't address the issue. He asked Mr. Levesque if he could send the Commission a letter describing the work that will be done and they could address it and vote on it at their next meeting.

There being no further discussion and upon motion duly made by Thomas O'Brien and seconded by Robert sheets, the Commission voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

For the Commission,

Thomas O'Brien, Clerk